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INVESTMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase investment on science and technology;

(b) if so, the means through which it is likely to be done;

(c) whether a portion of this amount would be invested for rebuilding the crumbling University system in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Efforts are continuously made by the Government to increase investment in science and technology. As a beginning, increased allocations have been made in the current year`s budget of the various science and technology departments / agencies. In particular, a special provision of Rs. 50 crores has been made for taking up of relevant technology vision projects and an additional provision of Rs. 50 crores has been made for launching a New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership initiative.

(c) & (d) Government has initiated a scheme - `Fund for Improvement of Infrastructure in Science and Technology (FIST)` in Universities and other educational institutions in the country. This fund is expected to rebuild the research infrastructure particularly, in the Universities.